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ADAMS BILL ON WATERCRAFT SPEED LIMITS PASSED OUT OF HOUSE

INDIANAPOLIS -- The Indiana House of Representatives has passed House Bill 1183, legislation coauthored by State Rep. Tiny Adams (D-Muncie), that will make it easier to conduct races, events and other activities on bodies of water in Indiana.

House Bill 1183 allows organizers to apply for a permit to host water sport events on lakes 70 acres or smaller. Current legislation does not include water skiing or other activities where the boat is used for towing.

The bill provides that no speed limit applies to a boat in a boat race, a water ski event, or any other organized boating activity over a fixed and marked course.

"I am pleased that the House saw the importance of this bill, which they passed by a vote of 94 - 0," said Adams.

All organized boating activities for which this bill would be applicable must apply for and receive a permit from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

"This legislation came as a result of a concern from one of my constituents," said Adams. "But the outpouring of support has shown that this is legislation the people of Indiana want to see passed."

House Bill 1183 now moves to the Senate for further consideration.